



ABSTRACT

Fisheries - National Savings cum Relief Scheme for Marine Fishermen - Administrative Approval - Enrolment of the Marine Fishermen and to collect subscription amount for implementation of the scheme during the year 2019-20 - Orders - Issued.

Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (FS-3) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.92

Dated 15.07.2019

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050

விகாரி வருடம், ஆனி மாதம் 30-ம் நாள்

Read:-

1. G.O.(Ms) No.163, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 27.08.2018
2. G.O.(Ms) No.182, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries Department, dated 26.09.2018.
3. From the Director of Fisheries, Chennai-35, Letter Rc.No.511/J2/2019, dated 11.01.2019.

ORDER:

The Centrally Sponsored National Savings cum Relief scheme is an ongoing welfare scheme for marine fishermen and is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from the year 1992 onwards as per the guidelines prescribed by the Government of India. The scheme is being implemented as per the revised pattern of assistance from 2016-17. Under the scheme, the subscription amount of Rs.1500/- would be collected from fishermen over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- for 8 months and Rs.100/- for ninth month. The Government share of Rs.3000/- will be shared between State and Central Governments @ Rs.1500/- each. Thus, a total relief amount of Rs.4,500/- (Fishermen -Rs.1500/- + State Government - Rs.1500/- + Central Government - Rs.1500/-) will be distributed to the eligible fishermen in 3 equal monthly installment during the fishing lean months adopted in the 13 Coastal districts as detailed below:-

Zone	Name of the Districts	Non Lean Months (Fishing Period)	Lean Months (Non-Fishing Period)
I	Chennai to Ramanathapuram (including Rameswaram) (10 districts)	January to September	October to December
II	Kanyakumari (1 district)	April to December	January to March
III	Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi	July to March	April to June

2. The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries have revised the pattern of Government subsidy assistance (Central + State) for implementation of the Centrally Sponsored scheme on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries from the year 2017-18 as 40% of the project cost for general Category beneficiaries and 60% of the project cost for weaker sections like Scheduled caste (SCs) Scheduled Tribe (STs), Women and their cooperatives.

Of the admissible subsidy, the Central: State share is as follows:-

a)	North East & Hilly states	90% Central share & 10% state share
b)	Union Territories	100% Central share
c)	Other states	60% Central share & 40% state share

Though the Government of India have issued revised orders in respect of pattern of assistance, the Government of Tamil Nadu have accorded administrative sanction for implementation of National Savings cum Relief Scheme for marine fishermen for the year 2018-19 by following the pattern of assistance for 2017-18, in order to avoid disparity among the fishermen of General category and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) category while implementation of the scheme.

3. In the Government order first read above, orders have issued according administrative approval for implementation of National Saving-cum-Relief Scheme for Marine Fishermen and to collect subscription amount from the beneficiaries for the year 2018-19.

4. In the Government order second read above, orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.62,43,45,000/- being the State and Central Governments share as relief amount for disbursement to 2,08,115 marine fishermen during the fishing lean period for the year 2018-2019.

5. In the letter third read above, the Director of Fisheries has reported that the sanctioned amount was drawn and deposited in SB Accounts maintained in IDBI and ICICI Banks, to disburse the amount to the fishermen beneficiaries through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) and Utilization certificate will be furnished to the Government on completion of scheme.

6. The Director of Fisheries has further reported that the Government of India has been requested to withdraw the revised pattern of assistance issued vide Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India, New Delhi letter No.27035-19/2015-FY(IV), dated 28.09.2017 and also to adopt the pre-revised pattern of assistance i.e. (Beneficiary contribution - Rs.1500/- + Central Government share - Rs.1500/- + State Government share - Rs.1500/-) for the year 2018-19, so as to maintain the original spirit and tempo of the scheme, and to avoid disparity among the fishermen of General Category and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) category.

7. The Director of Fisheries has also stated that during the discussion had with the officials of Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India, it was informed

that the existing National fishermen Savings cum Relief Scheme shall be implemented based on the existing pattern of assistance (i.e. beneficiary contribution - Rs.1500/- + Central Government share - Rs.1500/- + State Government share - Rs.1500/-) and need not adopt the revised pattern of assistance issued in Government of India's letter dated 28.09.2017. But no specific orders have been issued by Government of India in this regard. He has suggested that based on the discussion, the existing pattern of assistance for this scheme may be adopted for the year 2019-2020 also.

8. The Director of Fisheries has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary administrative approval for implementation of the scheme of National Savings cum Relief Scheme for marine fishermen for the year 2019-2020, by adopting the existing pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India under this scheme and to permit the Director of Fisheries,

- i. to enroll the eligible marine fishermen and to collect total subscription amount of Rs.1500/- over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- per month for eight months and Rs.100/- in ninth month, as per the fishing months adopted in the respective districts.
- ii. To remit the subscription amount collected from the enrolled eligible beneficiaries directly in the bank account of the respective fishermen cooperative societies. The concerned fishermen cooperative society will reconcile the beneficiaries contribution and the number of beneficiaries within the due date for remittance and transfer the same to the respective SB Accounts maintained in the name of Director of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI banks through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).
- iii. To adopt the comprehensive modalities framed for effective implementation of this scheme.
- iv. To permit the coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries to utilize the Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate obtained from the respective District collectors for the old eligible fishermen beneficiaries and to take action to obtain necessary Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificates for the newly enrolled fishermen if any, who shall be included in the next year scheme i.e. 2020-21.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Fisheries have decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government accord administrative approval for implementation of the scheme of National Savings cum Relief scheme for Marine Fishermen for the year 2019-20, by adopting the existing pattern of assistance and guidelines approved by Government of India and also to accord permission to the Director of Fisheries on the following:-

- i. To enroll the eligible marine fishermen and to collect total subscription amount of Rs.1500/- over a period of 9 months @ Rs.175/- per month for eight months and Rs.100/- in ninth month, as per the fishing months adopted in the respective districts.
- ii. To collect the subscription amount for the first 6 months (i.e, January to June 2019) in one lumpsum pertaining to 10 districts [Viz. Tiruvallur

to Ramnad (including Rameswaram)] and for 3 months (i.e April to June 2019) pertaining to Kanyakumari district as a special case. For the remaining districts (Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli) and remaining months, the subscription collection will be done as per the guidelines.

- iii. To remit the subscription amount collected from the enrolled eligible beneficiaries directly in the bank account of the respective fishermen cooperative societies or Assistant Director of Fisheries. The concerned fishermen cooperative society will reconcile the beneficiaries contribution and the number of beneficiaries within the due date for remittance and transfer the same to the respective SB Accounts maintained in the name of Director of Fisheries, Chennai in IDBI and ICICI banks through Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS).
- iv. To adopt the comprehensive modalities framed for effective implementation of this scheme annexed to this order.
- v. To permit the coastal Assistant Directors of Fisheries to utilize the Below Poverty Line (BPL) certificate obtained from the respective District collectors for the old eligible fishermen beneficiaries and to take action to obtain necessary BPL certificates for the newly enrolled fishermen if any, who shall be included in the next year scheme i.e. 2020-21.

10. The Director of Fisheries is requested to follow the existing guidelines for collection and remittance of the subscription amount.

11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.17109/AH&F/2019, dated 26.6.2019.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. GOPAL
Principal Secretary to Government

To

- The Director of Fisheries, Chennai-35
- The Accountant General, Chennai-18/18(By Name)
- The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.
- ✓ The Resident Audit Officer, Chennai-9
- The Coastal District Collectors concerned (13 Districts) through the Director of Fisheries , Chennai-35

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ANNEXURE
(G.O.(Ms)No. 92, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRYING AND FISHERIES
(FS-3) DEPARTMENT, DATED 15.07.2019)
COMPREHENSIVE MODALITIES FOR NATIONAL SAVINGS CUM RELIEF
SCHEME FOR MARINE FISHERMEN FOR THE YEAR
2019-2020

1. Eligible fisherman means, a person who is professionally engaged in fulltime fishing and is a member of Co-operative Society / Federation / Welfare societies lives below poverty line and is below 60 years of age. If any member of a fisherman family has regular employment or indulges in any other income generating activity, such family will not qualify to be beneficiary under this component.
2. The fisheries co-operative society member list as on 31.12.2018 as per the admission register along with age, has to be obtained from the society duly signed by the competent authority of the respective societies.
3. i) Applications from individual beneficiaries with savings bank account details have to be received through Fishermen Co-operative Society. A legible photocopy of the first page of the bank passbook must be enclosed with the application and scrutinized by the officials concerned; and
 ii) the fishermen should upload their details for enrollment in the designated website through e-seva / Common service centre authorized by Tamil Nadu e-governance. The details of enrollment made through online should be ensured and checked by the concerned Assistant Director of Fisheries / Inspector of Fisheries/ Sub Inspector of Fisheries and necessary authentication to be made.
4. Inspector of Fisheries /Sub Inspector of Fisheries concerned should verify the beneficiary list with the member list and admission book of the society in which the fisherman is enrolled as a member. Discrepancies if any have to be verified with valid proof like ration card, birth certificate, etc. The Inspector of Fisheries /Sub Inspector of Fisheries concerned should verify the genuineness of every application and certify the application.
5. The Assistant Director of Fisheries of the coastal District concerned shall submit the list of fishermen beneficiaries newly enrolled under this scheme and get necessary Below Poverty Line certificate from the District Collector concerned. The newly enrolled fishermen shouldn't be included in the current year and under no circumstances, subscription amount be collected and remitted from them.
6. The final list of eligible beneficiaries as per the modalities must be made ready and the district wise number of beneficiaries enrolled should be compiled and sent to Directorate of Fisheries duly recommended with necessary certificates from the District Collector

and the Regional Joint Director of Fisheries / Deputy Director of Fisheries.


7. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should then display the eligible beneficiary list along with the details of the scheme in a prominent place such as community hall, village temple / church, society office in each village for scrutiny by the villagers and for suggesting any addition / deletion / modification. The same list should be hosted in the official website of Department of Fisheries for inviting objections from the public if any.
8. All application received after due verification should be hard bound Co-operative Societies wise and kept in the office of the Asst Director of Fisheries for verification and audit purpose in future.
9. As per the eligible beneficiary list, monthly subscription has to be collected from the beneficiaries by the society concerned and remit the money in the designated IDBI / ICICI bank accounts operated in the name of Director of Fisheries on or before 10th of every succeeding month.
10. Contribution by fishermen shall be Rs.1500/- per year.
11. The period of contribution is 9 months and the amount will be collected @ Rs.175/- per month for first eight months and remaining Rs.100/- in the ninth month.
12. The total Government contribution (both Central and State Governments) is Rs.3000/-
13. The total relief amount of Rs.4500/- would be disbursed to the fisherman through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
14. Lean months are limited to only 3 months.
15. The Fishery Official should monitor the collection and deposition of the subscription amount every month.
16. A soft copy of the remittance and beneficiary wise monthly subscription details should be sent to respective IDBI / ICICI bank, before 15th of every month to facilitate to reconcile and monitor defaulters and also to allocate the matching grant to the beneficiaries.
17. The Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should ensure that under no circumstances, collection of the beneficiary contribution is made in lumpsum and also that the money is not distributed to the fishermen in lumpsum unless exempted by the Government.
18. As per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, there is no provision to collect the subscription amount in one lumpsum.

19. If a fisherman defaults in paying his contribution during the non-lean months, the Governments (both State and Centre) matching grant would be limited to the number of months for which he has actually subscribed and would be refunded to the fisherman in equal monthly installments during the lean months.
20. A default by any beneficiary in payment of monthly contribution, not exceeding beyond one month and twice during the fishing season, may be waived provided the amount is paid by the beneficiary with a default fee which is equal to the interest that would have otherwise accrued, had the contribution been paid on the due date (s).
21. The subscription for ninth month should be collected on or before tenth of the succeeding month and the disbursement amount applicable to the beneficiaries has to be updated in the master data immediately.
22. The available master data has to be finalized by updating with new members enrolled/ deletion of death cases, beneficiaries above 60 years, members otherwise not found eligible. Photographs of the existing/ new beneficiaries should be affixed in the master data. The details of Aadhar number and Biometric ID number should be incorporated in the master data compulsorily.
23. Inspector of Fisheries / Sub Inspector of Fisheries concerned should get signature of the eligible beneficiary in the prescribed pre-acquaintance form during the receipt of last month subscription in the presence of society president.
24. The soft copy of the master data of eligible beneficiaries should be sent to the Directorate of Fisheries for scrutiny and bank verification on or before 20th of the 10th month for uploading them for disbursement of relief amount.
25. After bank verification, the eligible list of beneficiaries would be sent to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, which has to be prepared in bank format for disbursement through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) system.
26. The bank rejection, if any, has to be verified with individual application form submitted by the individual immediately. After due verification, the corrected data has to be re-sent for uploading.
27. The name of the beneficiaries with photograph will be hosted in the fisheries website viz., www.fisheries.tn.gov.in

28. If any complaint is received in respect of enrollment of ineligible members under the scheme by the respective President, Fishermen Co-operative Society, the Assistant Director of Fisheries concerned should initiate enquiry under relevant sections of Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act, 1983.

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Principal Secretary to Government

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